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QR code facility cuts OPD queues at District Hospital

Women scan the QR code to take OPD appointments at District Hospital on KRS Road in city.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

Mysuru, Aug. 8- A QR code-enabled Outpatient Department (OPD) registration facility has been introduced at Mysuru District Hospital on KRS Road, aiming to alleviate the long queues of patients. This innovation allows patients to conveniently register using their smartphones.

Yesterday, Deputy Commissioner (DC) Dr. K.V. Rajendra visited the Hospital and asked the patients, who were standing in a long queue, to make use of this patient-friendly initiative.

Patients seeking medical attention at the OPD of the large health facility are often burdened by extended waiting times. Queues can stretch for hours, even an entire day, with some patients required to return on a subsequent day for their doctor's visit. Additionally, the crowded OPD halls pose a risk of cross-infection, particularly with communicable diseases. The lengthy manual process of entering patients' basic demographic information — such as name, age, gender and address — is the primary cause of congestion during registration.

During busy hours, the chaos and noise further hinder data entry operators at the counters, leading to compromised data quality. To address these challenges, the District Hospital has launched a 'Scan and Share' service for expedited OPD registrations.

Centre's initiative

This initiative falls under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM) and is facilitated by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in partnership with the National Health Authority (NHA).

(See QR CODE on page 7)

Verdict in just 5 days

Mysuru POCSO Fast Track Court delivers India's second fastest verdict

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (BCT)- The POCSO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offences) Special Fast Track Court in Mysuru, constituted to hear rape cases of minors, has achieved the distinction of delivering the second-fastest verdict in India and the first in Karnataka. The charge, trial with witnesses, arguments, counter-arguments and acquittal of accused was done within a span of five days.

It may be mentioned here that in 2021, the Araria POCSO Court in Bihar was the first Fast Track Court in India to try, hear, convict and sentence a man who raped a minor to a life term in prison in a single day, setting a new record and benchmark.

In this case that was tried by the **Mysuru POCSO Fast Track Court, the Police filed the chargesheet on 1.8.2023 and the charge was framed on 1.8.2023, witnesses were examined on 2.8.2023 and 3.8.2023. Arguments and counter-arguments were submitted on 4.8.2023 and the judgement was delivered by Judge of Fast Track Court Shayma Khamroz on 5.8.23.**

Vijayanagar Police had submitted the chargesheet against the 23-year-old accused (name withheld due to confidentiality in POCSO case) for sexually assaulting the girl who was 17 years, 11 months old (name withheld). In her statement, the victim had said that she was sexually assaulted a couple of times and the accused even married her at his village and brought her to Mysuru.

The victim also alleged in the statement that they started living together after marriage and subsequently there were differences between the accused and her over household chores. To scare him when he was away from their house, she consumed a hair dye. Soon, the victim developed an unbearable stomach ache and was rushed to the hospital by the accused who discovered the girl writhing in pain. As she was a minor, the girl's statement was recorded at the hospital by the Police who subsequently arrested the accused and was sent to Judicial Custody.

"Considering the facts and circumstances of the case, there is no need to pass any orders under Section 357-A (3) of Cr.PC (victim compensation). Accused is in judicial custody, he is ordered to be released forthwith. Accused to execute personal bond of Rs. 50,000 towards compliance U/ Sec.437-A of Cr.PC (bail)," the Judge ordered, acquitting the accused. Chief Legal Aid Defence Counsel of Mysuru M.S. Naveen Machangada argued on behalf of the accused.

Encroached Govt. lands, lakes to be reclaimed: Krishna Byre Gowda

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (BLU&BS)- Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda has announced that a concerted effort will be undertaken to clear encroachments on Government lands, including lakes, throughout the State, starting from Bengaluru.

"I have asked officials to prepare a preliminary list of Government lands that have been encroached by land sharks, at the earliest, and instructed them to conduct eviction drives every weekend," he said.

He made this statement while speaking to the media during a progress review meeting of the Revenue Department in Mysuru Division. The meeting took place at the Regional Commissioner's Office on Hunsur Road in the city this morning.

Revenue Minister Krishna Byre Gowda addressing a meeting at Regional Commissioner's Office in city as Principal Secretaries of Revenue Department V. Rashmi Mahesh and Rajender Kumar Kataria look on.

Regarding the ongoing issue of encroachments on Government lands, the Minister stated that discussions were held during separate meetings for Bengaluru Urban and Rural Divisions in Bengaluru. He emphasised the need to pressure officials to remove encroachments and recover the land.

Fencing to be done

As a step toward this, a list of encroached Government assets, including lake areas, has been summoned from officers by the upcoming Saturday. The subsequent actions will be based on a timetable devised by the officers themselves. He further stated that a similar drive to clear encroachments will be carried out across the State.

(See LANDS on page 6)

STAR OF MYSORE

"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 8th August 2023

'Librarians Day' programme at Mysore University tomorrow

Mysuru, Aug. 8- 'Librarians Day' will be celebrated at the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore, tomorrow (Aug. 9) at 11 am.

Librarians Day is celebrated on the birth anniversary of Dr. S.R. Ranganathan who is known as the 'Father of the Library Movement in India.' It is an annual celebration that pays tribute to the invaluable contributions made by librarians and information professionals in fostering knowledge dissemination and academic excellence. It also serves as an occasion to reflect on the evolving role of libraries in the digital era.

The event, jointly organised by the Department of Studies (DoS) in Library and Information Science and Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science, promises to be a remarkable gathering of experts, scholars, and library enthusiasts.

Distinguished speakers, including Dr. N.G. Satish, former Professor, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad, will deliver insightful talks on the urgent need for radical library transformation in the digital age.

Prof. M.S. Sapna, Chairperson, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, will be the guest of honour. V.R. Shylaja, Registrar, University of Mysore, will preside.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-2419389 or 2419390 or Mob: 97415-33380.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

One of the best things I ever heard my philosophy teacher say was that the universe is benign, not some random and slightly hostile place that we are led to believe. I remember taking a moment to really think about this and it made me smile as I realised I was at the point in my life where I could truly accept it, in spite of all the bad things that happen in the world.

Everything in life has a value, a learning lesson held within it. In every trouble lies a treasure, in every shadow a gift awaits. The dark night of the soul brings a new dawn, in death we come to appreciate life. The old leads to the new, loss leads to gain, good comes from bad. Light always prevails in the end.

Just think of World War II. The horror was like no other, the darkness was pitch black. Yet that is what it took to light a fire in the heart of humanity that burnt so brightly we are still inspired by the stories today. The mind-blowing heroism, the spirit of the blitz, the heart-warming camaraderie and profound self-sacrifice of the wartime generation beggars belief. And after two world wars, what did we gain? Only the spread of democracy, women's liberation, the end of Western colonialism, the creation of the United Nations, the birth of the European community, the world's first computer, the launch of the space age, antibiotics, nuclear deterrence, the end of American racial segregation, not to mention a huge upsurge in peace and prosperity around the world.

Two world wars is what it took to raise human consciousness to that degree and elevate the planet. Of course, it did not have to get so dark to achieve this; pyrrhic victories can be avoided if we are willing to evolve with the needs of the time. But even if we shroud ourselves in ignorance and fear, our suffering eventually leads us to see the error of our ways, so we grow and evolve.

Every wrong turn is a learning experience that evolves our soul, ensuring we do not get lost the next time. With each dark corner we get to shine a light in the shadows and find lost parts of ourselves, fragments, the roots of our karma, so that we begin to feel whole again.

—Andrea Revell in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

You may be jailed for forgetting wife's birthday

Apia: Many married people will agree that often a husband forgets their wife's birthday. This is also one of the causes which lead to fights between husband and wife. But in many places, husbands have to pay a heavy price for forgetting their wife's birthdays. As per the law, the husband can also be imprisoned for up to five years.

This law is applicable in Samoa country famous for its beauty. As per media reports, in Samoa, if a husband forgets his wife's birthday for the first time, he is warned. If that mistake happens for the second time, then the husband gets a fine or jail sentence. There is a provision of imprisonment of up to 5 years for this crime in the law.

If reports are to be believed, there is a special team in place, in Samoa, to ensure that this law is followed. A separate team works for this at the Police level.

World's largest Ferris Wheel stops turning

Dubai: Two years ago, Dubai's skyscraper-studded skyline welcomed a Ferris wheel touted as the world's largest, but it mysteriously stopped turning just months after opening.

The much-touted Ain Dubai (Dubai Eye) was designed as a tourist-luring landmark in the United Arab Emirates' glam-hub, which is home to the world's tallest building.

But now it stands idle for undisclosed reasons, its extravagant light fixtures are the only parts seemingly still working.

The wheel was supposed to close for just a month but its reopening has since been postponed indefinitely.

Those behind the project inaugurated in 2021 have failed to reply to enquiries.

"Ain Dubai remains closed until further notice," says an official website for the attraction.

HEALTH CAPSULE

Urinary tract infection is second most common infection in human body after respiratory tract infection.

By Dr. Dinesh Kumar T. P - Consultant - Urology and Andrology
Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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LIFE'S ON

** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

Annual Day celebrations of AIISH on Aug. 9

Mysuru, Aug. 8- The 58th Annual Day celebrations of All India Institute of Speech and Hearing (AIISH) will be held tomorrow (Aug. 9) at 10.30 am at Seminar Hall Knowledge Park, AIISH campus.

Dr. C.N. Manjunath, Director and Professor of Cardiology, Sri Jayadeva Institute of Cardiovascular Sciences and Research, Bengaluru, will be the chief guest. Shree Harsha, Playback Singer, will be the guest of honour. Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH, will preside.

As part of Annual Day, below listed materials that prepared in accordance with the objectives of AIISH, focusing on Human Resource Development, Clinical Services, Research and Public Awareness, will be released:

1. Communication Attitude Test in Hindi (CAT-H) (Author: Dr. M. Santhosh); **2.** Listening Training Unit Module for students (Author: Dr. Chandni Jain, Contributors: Dr. N. Devi, Dr. Prashanth Prabhu, Jyothi); **3.** Grade Level Assessment Test in Science for Grade VI, VII and VIII (Dr. Prithi Venkatesh, D. Dhivya); **4.** The Clinical Tutorials on Assessment and Management of Communication Disorders; **5.** Committee for Compilation and Development of Products from Research (Chairperson: Dr. Brajesh Priyadarshi, Dr. Shijith Kumar, Dr. Prashanth, Dr. Antony, Dr. Priya, Dr. Amulya, Dr. Rueben, Dr. Gayathri, Dr. Vikas, Saravanan, Hemashree, Ravishankar); **6.** Feeding and swallowing pamphlets series (Dr. N. Swapna, Dr. Gayathri, Joana, Kusumam).

Dr. Sridevi Annapurna Singh, Director, CFTRI, will be the chief guest for the evening cultural programme which will start at 6 pm. Narendra Narayanan, Founder and Managing Director, Vinyas Innovative Technologies, will be the guest of honour. Dr. M. Pushpavathi, Director, AIISH, will preside, according to a press release from AIISH.

Free Eye Camp at Annapoorna

Mysuru, Aug. 8- As part of Independence Day celebrations, Annapoorna Eye Hospital, Sharadadevinagar, has organised a free eye screening camp for senior citizens from August 8 to August 15 between 10 am and 7 pm.

For details, contact Ph: 0821-4263333, according to a press release from the Hospital.

REALLY...?

- ***Both crabs and lobsters are decapods, or crustaceans with 10 legs. Other decapods include crayfish, prawns and shrimp.***
- ***The largest crab in the world is the giant Japanese Spider Crab, which can measure up to 13 feet across.***
- ***There are about 5,000 species of crabs. Only about 4,500 are true crabs. The other 500 types are false crabs and include hermit crabs, king crabs, porcelain crabs, horseshoe crabs and crab lice.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

Q: Where do elephants pack their clothes?
A: In their trunks!

TODAY'S CURRENCY RATE

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 82.80
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 105.65
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 22.54
1 Euro	= Rs. 91.01

VOICE OF THE READER

Millennium Circle-JSS Dental College Road humps need attention

Sir,

Some time ago, there was a write-up and photos highlighting the deplorable condition of three road humps between Millennium Circle (LIC Division Office) and JSS Dental College in the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway.

These road humps were found to be damaged, with large gaps and uneven surfaces due to indiscriminate chipping. Despite this being a critical stretch of road, serving as the Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway and witnessing the passage of thousands of vehicles daily, no action has been taken by the authorities to rectify the situation. This negligence has resulted in significant inconvenience for all classes of commuters.

It is disheartening to observe that the once clean and well-maintained city of Mysuru, which earned the distinction of being India's Cleanest City, is slowly losing its charm due to the lack of attention from the concerned authorities towards maintaining the city roads. With the approaching world-famous grand Dasara celebrations, it is imperative that immediate action be taken by the relevant authorities to address the road hump issue on a war-footing.

Additionally, the absence of road hump sign boards and cat eyes on either side of the road humps for the safety of night riders exacerbates the problem and poses risks to commuters.

—Dr. H.S. Sadath Ali Khan
N.R. Mohalla
2.8.2023

StemFit Award Ceremony held at Nypunya School

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (PM&SSM)- "Sports serve as a crucial element in the personality development of children. Incorporating sports into education and academics is vital for fostering the holistic development of children," stated Dr. Jim Lee, Co-Founder and Sports Expert of Australia's StemFit.

He expressed these views during the inauguration of the StemFit Award Ceremony held at Nypunya School of Excellence in the city yesterday.

Dr. Jim Lee underscored the significance of both education and physical fitness through sports. "Integrating sports into academics enhances creativity and contributes to a well-rounded education. It is essential to devise strategies for genuine education, with educational institutions consistently experimenting to introduce novel aspects to children," he suggested.

Prof. Ganesh Koramannil, CEO of iQuery Australia, also addressed the gathering, emphasising the need to foster global-level exchange activities in Primary Education. "This can be achieved by introducing Australia's syllabus in India and vice versa. Nypunya School has embraced this concept enthusiastically and responded positively," he added.

Raghu R. Kautilya, Chairman of Nypunya Education Institution, in his speech, highlighted the importance of imparting moral and valuable education to today's children, providing them with a strong foundation of quality education. He affirmed the institution's readiness to compete globally and provide high-quality education, thanking StemFit Australia for their support.

The school secured a Bronze medal in the StemFit International Cup. During the event, four students and two teachers were felicitated by Dr. Jim Lee. Nypunya School had integrated STEM activities with Yoga.

StemFit Mysuru Representative Dr. Pushpa Richards, Nypunya School Principal Shobitha S. Aradhya and others were present on the occasion.

Academic exchange of Thai scholars with Mysore Varsity

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (BCT)- A delegation of 22 scholars from Thai Universities, led by Dr. Jiyaruydh Sinthuphan from Chulalongkorn University, is currently at University of Mysore (UoM) for the Thailand-India Academic Exchange, organised by Institute of Asian Studies, Chulalongkorn University (IAS-CU), and National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT). The group represented disciplines such as Mass Communication, Economics, Literature, Political Science and Public Policies.

Dr. Jyothi, Chairperson of MSW Department at UoM, Prof. M.S. Sapna, Chairperson of Journalism Department and Prof. Premkumar of Economics Department too were part of the programme.

These leaders facilitated discussions on potential academic collaborations, including faculty exchange, student visits, research partnerships and enhancing cultural ties between the two nations.

The exchange seeks to foster intellectual ties between scholars, strengthening cultural connections and addressing contemporary challenges.

This initiative, supported by an NCRT-funded project called 'Developing National and International Asian Studies Network,' aims to build connections between Thai and Indian scholars.

Distinguished figures like Prof. Surendra Lawrence, Prof. Chandan Gowda of Ramakrishna Chair, Bengaluru and Dr. Geetha of Biotechnology also participated in the event.

The Thai team intends to enhance people-to-people connectivity between Thailand and India. Yesterday, the delegates participated in a Conference centred on 'Tagore's Vision for Asia: Human Solidarity Beyond Nationalism' at Vijnana Bhavan in Manasagangothri.

Collaborating with UoM Departments and The Sustainability Platform (TSP)-Asia, the Conference explored themes such as Tagore's impact, freedom movements, literary resurgence and more.

The programme includes group discussions on social development, public health, language, culture, politics, communication, media and a plenary session. The visiting scholars also plan to explore Mysuru's rich heritage, including the Palace, Devaraja Market and Oriental Research Institute (ORI).

Office-bearers of Vikrant Tyres Employees Union

The new office-bearers of Vikrant Tyres Employees Union were elected during the elections held on Aug. 4. Seen are R. Chandan - President; B. Channakeshava - General Secretary; M. Ashok - Vice-President 'A'; Dada Peer - Vice-President 'B'; H.S. Shivakumar - Joint Secretary 'A'; B.R. Kantharaju - Joint Secretary 'B' and R. Ravikumar - Treasurer.

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NEWS BRIEFS

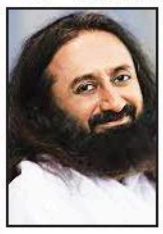
Railway Pensioners Monthly Meeting

The monthly meeting of the Railway Pensioners Welfare Association, Mysuru, will be held at 11.30 am on Aug.12 at A. Manuel Hall, Seshadri Iyer Road, Mysuru-21, Association President Parthasarathy will preside.

Workshop

The concluding day of the 12-day workshop on ' Strengthening English Language Skills and General Knowledge of Kannada Medium School Students,' by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, will be held tomorrow (Aug. 9) at 12.15 pm at the Government School for the Differently-Abled Boys, Lashkar Mohalla, Mysuru, according to a press release.

Online Happiness Course from Aug.10



Sri Ravishankar Guruji's Art of Living is conducting an online Happiness Course to achieve a stress-free, healthy, happy and peaceful life from Aug. 10 to 13 from 6.30 pm to 8.30 pm. Course includes knowledge sessions, Yoga, Pranayama, Meditation and breathing techique called Sudarshan Kriya which enables a balanced life. The link for registration is aolt.in/728040. For details, contact Mob: 91631-45678, according to a press release.

WATER LEVEL

KRS DAM

Maximum	:	124.80	feet
Today	:	113.30	feet
Yesterday	:	113.34	feet
Inflow	:	5,012	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,353	cusecs

KABINI DAM

Maximum	:	2,284.00	feet
Today	:	2282.41	feet
Inflow	:	4034	cusecs
Outflow	:	5,875	cusecs

HARANGI DAM

Maximum	:	2,859.00	feet
Today	:	2,858.41	feet
Inflow	:	1,890	cusecs
Outflow	:	2,800	cusecs

'Rama Rajya' should be next after Ram Mandir, says Pejawar Seer

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (RK&DM)- Udupi Pejawar Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji said that as the dream of Ram Mandir at Ayodhya has been realised, the establishment of 'Rama Rajya' should be our next aim.

He was speaking to pressperson after performing rituals as part of the 36th Chaturmasa Vrata at Krishnadhama in Saraswathipuram here yesterday.

Maintaining that 'Rama Bhakti' (devotion) and 'Desha Bhakti' (patriotism) are not different from each other, the Seer said that 'Rama Seve' (Service of the Lord) and 'Desha Seve' (Service to the country) are one and the same. Coming to the help of the poor, the helpless and those in trouble, is indeed 'Rama Seve', he observed.

Contending that following the principles of Lord Rama in life will help in realizing the concept of 'Ramarajya', he said that the Pejawar Mutt has come forward to build homes for the shelterless. Noting that the Mutt has constructed 8 houses for the poor and needy in Udupi, the seer said 2 donors have come forward in Mysuru for extending their co-operation to the Mutt's plans. The Mutt will come to the help of those in need depending upon the need, he added. He further said the Mutt has plans to set up Goshalas in all the districts of the state.

Reiterating that the next focus will be converting the country into a Ram Rajya, he appealed the people to make their contributions in this exercise.

Referring to the continuing violence in Manipur, the Seer said that it was wrong on the part of the administration to have let the violence go so far. Stating that he was unable to comprehend the real reason behind the violence, the Seer said the situation now seems to have gone out of control now.

Asserting that he was ready to intervene in the crisis to end the conflict, he said that he has written to the Union Home Minister in this regard.

Ram Mandir to open in second half of Jan. 24

Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji, who is also a member of Sri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, announced that the temple at Ayodhya will be inaugurated in the second half of January, after Sankranti and before February next year (2024). However, the exact date will be finalised after consulting the PM, he added.

Mysuru Hotel Owners Association President C. Narayanagowda, Hotel Owners Endowment Trust President Ravi Shastri, senior Journalist Mugur Nanjundaswamy, Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA) President S.T. Ravikumar, General Secretary M. Subramanya, Office-bearers P. Rangaswamy, Shivamurthy Juptimath, R. Krishna, Machamma Mallige, Raghavendra and others were present.

K.R. MLA takes out *padayatra,* hears public grievances

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (SBD&DM)- K.R. MLA T.S. Srivatsa took out a *padayatra* in several areas coming under his Constituency and heard public grievances yesterday.

Srivatsa who undertook *padayatra* on Hullinabedi, Adam Khan Masjid Road, Hosakeri, Madhwachar Road, Seetaramarao Road, Basaveshwara Road and other areas, inspected the infrastructure facilities in these areas and received inputs from the public on civic amenities.

The MLA directed the officials to address issues concerning roads, underground drainage, drinking water, electricity etc.

He further instructed to trim branches of overgrown trees, maintain cleanliness, clearing of blocked drainages etc., Corporator Sowmya Umesh said that the roads in her ward will be asphalted in a month. Local leaders Arun, Gurudatt, Shankar Singh, Dinamani, Annapoorna, Kishore, Usha and others were present.

Kannada representation poor at National level: Writer

Former JNU faculty Dr. Purushotham Bilimale seen delivering the lecture on 'Kannada and Karnataka in the National Capital' at Patrakarthara Bhavan here recently as** (from left) **Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Samiti President Mugur Nanjundaswamy, former Rangayana Director Janardhan (Janni) and MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (PM&DM)- Expressing concern over decreasing representation of Kannada at the national level, former JNU (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi) faculty Dr. Purushotham Bilimale attributed globalisation, commercialisation and other factors for the decline.

He was delivering a lecture on the topic 'Kannada and Karnataka in the National Capital,' organised by Mysuru District Journalists Association (MDJA), Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Samiti and Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota at MDJA premises on Thyagaraja Road in K.R. Mohalla here recently.

Arguing that Kannada should have seen growth at the National level in these times of Globalisation and Nationalism, Prof. Bilimale regretted that instead of establishing a new Kannada Peetha (Chair), the existing ones too are getting closed which has resulted in further deterioration in recognition of Kannada.

Noting that while there are 1,35,000 Malayalis in Delhi, he said that there are only 10,800 Kannadigas in Delhi, while the Tamil speaking population stands at 90,000 and Telugu speaking population is 1,20,000. Pointing out that this statistics point to the sorry state of Kannada and Karnataka in Delhi, he shared experiences on his 25 years of stay in Delhi.

"While Kannadigas are hesitant to go elsewhere in the country, they show largesse in accepting outsiders who come and stay in Karnataka. While Tamil and Malayali IAS officers, bureaucrats and MPs get the works in respect of their States done by the Union Government, this is not the case in respect of Kannadigas. While there are many Kannadiga leaders who work for their party, there are hardly a few who work for the cause of Kannadigas and Karnataka," he regretted.

Attributing the hesitance of Kannadigas to go outside to such a sorry state of affairs, Prof. Bilimale said barring those from Mangaluru and Vijayapura, there are hardly a few Kannadigas from other districts of the State in Delhi. It seems the people of Mysuru region do not make up their mind for establishing themselves outside the State other than Bengaluru and Mysuru, he added.

Earlier, former Rangayana Director Janardhan (Janni), who inaugurated the programme by reciting a song 'Bidiru Naanyaarigilladavalu,' said that Kannada is the language of our heart. Everyone should strive for the cause of Kannada, Karnataka and Kannadigas, he added.

MDJA President S.T. Ravikumar presided.

Kannada Sahitya Kalakoota President M. Chandrashekar, Kannada Chaluvali Kendra Samiti President Mugur Nanjundaswamy and others were present.

Withhold NOCs to layouts without basic facilities

Minister warns developers of action; asks officers to make a list of layouts granted NOCs

District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa** (third from left) **chairing a meeting of officers in city yesterday as** (from left) **City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, MLAs Tanveer Sait & G.T. Devegowda and MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah look on.

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (BLU&BCT)- Asking officers to take action against builders and developers who do not complete layouts and housing projects on time, Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa directed the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) not to issue **No Objection Certificates (NOCs)** to such layouts and buildings until fundamental facilities are ensured.

Raising the issue at a meeting attended by elected representatives and officials at the Zilla Panchayat Hall yesterday, MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) said that many layouts have been developed without basic amenities in and around Mysuru while the developers have already taken full payment from the plot buyers.

"In my Chamundeshwari Constituency, there are over 300 layouts. People who have bought such plots and have constructed houses are suffering as their basic needs have not been fulfilled despite, they paying lakhs of rupees," G.T. Devegowda said.

Responding to the MLA, Minister Mahadevappa expressed his dissatisfaction with the unchecked expansion of the city, particularly with regard to private layouts on the outskirts.

Minister warned the developers about the potential Government action against those who have developed layouts without providing essential facilities for the site buyers.

Presentation at KDP meeting

Questioning the rationale behind granting NOCs to private layouts by competent authorities when these layouts have failed to furnish adequate amenities for residents, Mahadevappa asked the officers to prepare a list of layouts that have been given NOCs without basic facilities and bring the issue to the KDP meeting in last week of August or the first week of September that will be chaired by Chief Minister Siddharamaiah.

He instructed officials to create a comprehensive list of issues sorted Department-wise that require Govt. attention. This list should also include the necessary funds to address the various civic challenges that have been affecting the city. Intention is to present this list to the CM, seeking funds as per priority.

At the meeting, a Coordination Committee, to be headed by the Deputy Commissioner (DC), was proposed comprising officials from various entities including MUDA, Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), Minor Irrigation, Karnataka Urban Water Supply & Drainage Board (KUWSDB), Public Works Department (PWD) and Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC).

"This Committee must meet every three months to hold review meetings and discuss the resolution of civic matters, funding requirements for repairs and the rejuvenation of water bodies and underground drainage systems, repairing the storm water drains, revitalising the lakes, and strategies to prevent sewage pollution in water bodies and rivers," Mahadevappa said.

A-Khata and B-Khata

GTD and Mayor Shivakumar appealed to the District Minister for State Government's permission to Local Bodies to issue 'B Khatas' for revenue properties and houses constructed in Revenue Layouts, similar to the practices in Bengaluru.

The Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has the system of 'A Register' and 'B Register' (A-Khata and B-Khata) for properties within Bengaluru city limits and for properties beyond the city limits. This initiative, they argued, would regularise houses in these layouts and contribute to increased Government revenue.

Sewage problem

MLA Tanveer Sait expressed concern over sewage water entering River Cauvery. He sought approval for a separate Sewage Treatment Plant with the capacity to manage 240 Million Litres per Day (MLD) of sewage generated in city. "Of the 240 MLD, 162 MLD comes to the Sewage Treatment Plant and the rest of the sewage enters Cauvery River and lakes through storm water drains and Rajakaluve," he said providing statistics.

Krishnaraja MLA T.S. Srivatsa requested the Minister to repair all damaged roads in city before the upcoming Dasara festivities. Mahadevappa expressed his intention to embark on a city tour alongside MLAs to gain a first-hand understanding of the city's challenges prior to the Dasara celebrations.

MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, DC Dr. K.V. Rajendra, City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth, MUDA Commissioner G.T. Dinesh Kumar and MCC Commissioner Ashaad-ur-Rahman Shariff were present.

M.G. Road traffic chaos

District Minister instructs Police to take action

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (BLU&BCT)- Mysuru District Minister Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa has instructed City Police Commissioner Ramesh Banoth to take measures to alleviate traffic congestion caused by vehicles transporting vegetables and fruits to the M.G. Road Market.

Goods vehicle begin blocking the road 11 pm at night as they download vegetables and fruits. The chaos gets worse from 7 am till about 11 am effecting movement of ambulances and school buses.

Minister Mahadevappa acknowledged that a designated area has been allocated for vendors, but despite this provision, vendors continue to encroach upon the road and utilise footpaths for their businesses, leading to traffic congestion. This issue dates back to when the vegetable market was relocated to this site several years ago.

A file photo of the M.G. Road Market.

While the disarrayed traffic situation is well-known to officials from various Departments, no concrete actions have been taken thus far. The farmers responsible for transporting vegetables, fruits and greens from distant places cannot be solely blamed, as they require time to unload their produce. In the absence of a dedicated unloading space, the vehicles they use remain parked on the road until unloading is completed.

Both the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) and the Police Department should have collaboratively worked towards finding a resolution to this issue. However, the officials from these bodies have seemingly ignored the matter, leading to significant inconvenience for the general public.

Lights, Camera, Action...
...but beware of Police reaction

Police to take action against pre-wedding photoshoots in public places that cause traffic problems and public nuisance

By Bapu Lingaraj Urs

Mysuru, Aug. 8- Mysuru city and its picturesque surroundings, featuring stunning landmarks, have become the top choice for couples seeking captivating backdrops for their pre-wedding shoots and even baby-bump shoots — photoshoot when one is pregnant.

However, the popularity of these shoots has led to major traffic disruptions especially around the Mysore Palace area and now the Police are planning to be more stringent against photoshoots.

Many of these photoshoots are done during the early hours of the morning as the lighting is good but it also the time when people are going to work, leading to traffic issues.

Some popular locations in Mysuru for these shoots include Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle with a backdrop of the Mysore Palace, Silver Jubilee Clock Tower (Dodda Gadiyara) for long shots, Dr. Rajkumar Park, Dr. Vishnuvardhan Park and Town Hall, Mysore Palace junction (Ashoka Road and Sri Harsha Road).

Despite concerns raised in the past about the inconvenience caused to commuters and the safety issues associated with the shoots, the trend persists. The City Police had taken action against those involved in such photoshoots by booking criminal cases, but the activity seems to have resurged.

Some of the photoshoot crews even use drones to capture images, raising questions about whether they have obtained the necessary permission from the competent authorities for drone flying.

"These photoshoots at busy circles and roads have come to my notice. We will initiate action as often, such shoots disturb the peace in the areas and disrupt traffic," said Ramesh Banoth, Mysuru City Police Commissioner.

Scaring pigeons away

One particularly popular location for these shoots is the area in front of the Mysore Palace, where thousands of pigeons gather daily to feed on food provided by voluntary organisations.

Unfortunately, the crew members often scare away the birds *en masse* to capture shots with the couples when the birds are flying, which can disturb the natural atmosphere of the place.

Though entry is restricted inside the enclosure where the pigeons are fed, the shooting crew and the couples slide the barricades to enter the area for image and video frames, scaring the pigeons in the process.

Mysore Palace is a no-drone area

The Mysuru Palace Board has issued an order to restrict the use of drone cameras both inside and outside the Mysore Palace, as stated by Deputy Director of Palace Board T.S. Subramanya. The Palace area and the courtyard around it have been declared a 'Yellow Zone', and in this context, the use of drone cameras in the Palace is restricted, the statement said. Prior permission to use a drone camera in this area is necessary. Appropriate action will be taken if permission to use the drone camera is not obtained.

According to the drone airspace map — an interactive map of India that demarcates the Yellow and Red zones across the country — Yellow Zone is the airspace above 200 feet in the area located between 8-12 km from the perimeter of an operational airport.

Drone operations in the 'Yellow Zone' require permission from the jurisdictional Air Traffic Control authority. A 'Red Zone' is a no-drone zone within which drones can be operated only after permission from the Central Government. No permission is needed for drones flying in the 'Green Zone.'

Encroached Govt. lands, lakes to be reclaimed: Krishna Byre Gowda

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Besides clearing the encroachments, the officials, through regular weekly meetings, should also take steps to fence the said lands, Krishna Byre Gowda added.

When questioned about potential obstacles that might hinder the clearance of encroachments, the Minister responded by stating that no external pressures are present, as the Chief Minister has granted the freedom to remove encroachments on Government lands. However, the challenge lies in motivating officers to meet monthly targets for the removal of encroachments.

Revenue Adalat

In relation to the reintroduction of the Revenue Adalat, a mechanism in place earlier, the Minister explained that this

initiative was introduced by the previous Congress Government. It proved beneficial in resolving land-related disputes for the affected individuals.

The Village Accountants (VA) were empowered to make ad hoc corrections in documents, while more complex cases were addressed at higher levels. He highlighted the significance of division-wise meetings like the one held in the city, underlining that there are still numerous pending cases of land disputes awaiting resolution at the levels of Tahsildars and Assistant Commissioners. The aim is to expedite the resolution of these cases to spare people the burden of daily struggles in their lives. He stressed the need to prepare officers to work within specific time-frames and conduct thorough reviews of individual cases.

The Mysuru Division meeting is being attended by Deputy Commissioners, Assistant Commissioners, Tahsildars and other officials associated with the Revenue Department from eight districts, including Mysuru, Mandya, Chamarajanagar, Kodagu, Hassan, Dakshina Kannada, Udupi and Chikkamagaluru. The meeting is set to conclude this evening.

QR code facility cuts OPD queues at District Hospital

The long queue for registration at the Outpatient Department of the District Hospital on KRS Road in city.

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In the patient registration areas of the Hospital, distinctive QR codes are prominently displayed. By scanning these QR codes using health applications like the Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) app or Aarogya Setu app, patients can swiftly share essential information, including name, age, gender and unique health ID (ABHA number) with the hospital's Health Management Information System (HMIS).

Utilising this information, the hospital's HMIS generates a token or queue number for the patients, which is then sent to their mobile phones. Patients can wait in designated areas until their token number is displayed on overhead screens. The HMIS efficiently manages the OPD load and assigns token numbers accordingly, ensuring paperless registration and instant token generation.

Optimises resource allocation

This streamlined process not only saves time for patients but also optimises resource allocation for registration purposes. Moreover, this digital linkage of health records with the ABHA offers patients convenient access to their records through their smartphones.

Individuals who do not possess a smartphone can also benefit from this service. These citizens can visit any ABDM-enabled facility. If an individual already possesses an existing ABHA card, they can have it scanned at the OPD counter to complete their registration.

For citizens who do not already possess an ABHA card, the process can still be initiated within the health facility itself. ABHA cards can be generated on-site at the health facility, with the assistance of ABDM volunteers deployed at ABDM-enabled hospitals. The 'Scan and Share' service exemplifies the positive impact of technology on patient services and system efficiency. Doctors at the hospital believe this approach reduces issues related to incomplete and inaccurate data entry.

No Confidence Motion: Heated scenes in Lok Sabha

New Delhi, Aug. 8 - The three-day (Aug. 8 to 10) No-Confidence Motion began with heated scenes in Lok Sabha this morning with Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi opening the debate.

Gogoi said the opposition bloc Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (I.N.D.I.A) was forced to bring the no-confidence motion against the Government to break Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "vow of silence" on Manipur. He alleged that a Government which talks about "one India has created two Manipurs — one living in the hills and the other in the valley."

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Pralhad Joshi wondered why Rahul Gandhi's name as lead speaker was withdrawn in the last minute. Congress sources had earlier said Rahul Gandhi, freshly reinstated in Parliament, would open the debate.

Rahul Gandhi is also scheduled to address the Lok Sabha, marking his first appearance since the revocation of his disqualification. He is poised to challenge the BJP and the Prime Minister regarding the Manipur issue.

However, the BJP has also put forward Smriti Irani and Scindia to launch a pointed counter-attack against the Wayanad Congress MP.

The Home Minister is scheduled to intervene on Aug. 9 to provide an assessment of the ground situation while PM's response is expected on Aug. 10.

"Leave the House immediately": House Chairman suspends Derek O'Brien for unruly conduct and 'theatrics'

Trinamool's Derek O'Brien has been suspended from the Rajya Sabha for the rest of the Monsoon Session for "unruly behaviour and disregarding the directions of the Chair", House Chairman and Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar announced today.

The TMC leader sought to speak under the pretext of raising a point of order and when the chairman asked him to point to the rule he was wanting to speak on, O'Brien said 267 -- the rule under which the opposition has been seeking a discussion on the Manipur issue since the start of the Monsoon session on July 20.

The Leader of the House and Union Minister Piyush Goyal thereafter moved a motion for suspending the Trinamool leader for the rest of the Monsoon session.

Dhankhar said Derek O'Brien has been suspended for the remainder of the Monsoon session, which ends on August 11.

"Leave the House immediately," Dhankhar told the Trinamool MP.

Chain snatched at J.C. Nagar

Miscreants make away with part of 50-gram gold chain

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (RK&KS)- Chain-snatchers have made away with a part of a 50-gram gold chain of a woman, who had been to purchase milk in J.C. Nagar near the foot of Chamundi Hill here this morning.

The woman, who lost about 12 grams of the 50-gram chain, is 58-year-old Bharathi, a resident of 7th Main in J.C. Nagar. The incident took place at about 7.35 am today.

Bharathi, who left her house at about 7.15 am for her morning walk, went to purchase milk from a shop located on the 8th Main.

It is learnt that two youths on a bike kept following her and later one of them got down from the bike, followed Bharathi for a distance and tried to snatch the gold chain. As Bharathi held on to the chain, the chain broke and the miscreant was able to snatch about 12 grams of the gold chain. He then hopped on the waiting bike and sped away.

Nazarbad Sub-Inspector Srinivas Patil and staff, who rushed to the spot, conducted mahazar, collected information from Bharathi and has registered a case. As there were no CCTV cameras installed at the incident spot, the Police are collecting footages of CCTV cameras installed in the vicinity to trace the bike on which the miscreants sped away.

Golden Jubilee of Kabini Dam on grand scale: MLA

Mysuru, Aug.8 (BS)- Kabini Dam in HD Kote taluk in the district has completed 50 years of its inception, which will be celebrated on a grand scale, said H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu.

He was speaking to media during his recent visit to Kabini Dam at Beechanahalli, which has reached its maximum level.

"With Kabini Dam brimming, the schedule of the programme to offer *bagina* to the river will be fixed, after discussing with Chief Minister Siddharamaiah and Deputy Chief Minister D.K. Shivakumar," he added.

While the arrangements related to the celebration of Golden Jubilee Year of the Dam will be discussed with the Officers, it is being mulled to celebrate the occasion on the lines of *Jalapathotsava*. It will be a three-day celebration involving prominent film actors and artistes. The achievers and those instrumental in building the Dam will be felicitated on the occasion. The Dam will also be illuminated to make the event memorable and all the arrangements will be made for the benefit of tourists from various parts of the district and also State, added the MLA.

Chief Engineers Ramesh Babu and Vishwanath, Executive Engineers of Kabini Chandrashekar and Janardhan, Gaugeman Nagaraju, Councillors H.C. Narasimha Murthy and Raju, Vice-President of Jaya Karnataka Satish Gowda, former Zilla Panchayat Member Chikkaveera Nayaka, President of Youth Congress Nayaz, Member of District Congress Committee Parashivamurthy, Gram Panchayat Member Beechanahalli Bhaskar and others were present.

Girl goes missing from Nanjangud

Nanjangud, Aug. 8-An 18-year-old girl, who left her house on Aug. 5 at about 8 pm, has since gone missing.

Gunaishwarya

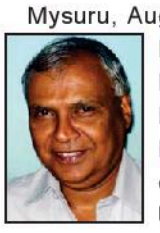
The missing girl is Gunaishwarya, daughter of Mahadevaiah of Haginavalu in the taluk.

She is 5 ft. tall, oval faced, normal built and oily red complexioned.

Those having any information about the missing girl may contact Nanjangud Rural Police Station on Ph: 08221-226259, according to a press release.

Obituary

Janardhan Iyengar



Mysuru, Aug. 8- Janardhan Iyengar (72), Proprietor of Sri Raghavendra Iyengar Bakery on D. Devaraj Urs Road and a senior member of Mysuru Hotel Owners Association, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife Sitharatna, son Krishnaprasad, daughter Shruthi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held were performed at the foot of Chamundi Hill yesterday evening, according to family sources.

TENNIS TALK

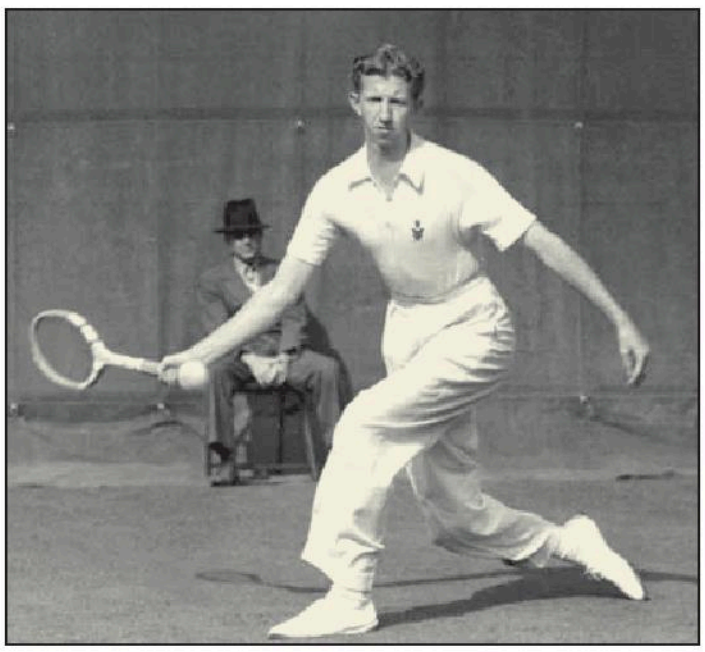
By U.B. Acharya

A History of Grand Slam in Tennis

The term 'GRAND SLAM' was originally used in the game of Contract Bridge. In this game if a declarer claims that he would win all the 13 tricks and achieves that goal, then it is a Grand Slam. Let me now explain in detail how this term came into vogue in tennis.

In the middle of 19th century, Great Britain, its colonies, Western Europe and USA started conducting District (or county)-level, State-level and National-level Tennis Tournaments. Also, in order to find which country was the best tennis playing country, an Inter-Country Team Championship was started in 1900 and was called as the Davis Cup. Dwight Davis was a US politician and a good tennis player and since he initiated this idea, the Cup was named after him. Initially it was only between Great Britain and USA but now it has been expanded to include more than 150 countries.

For the first 75 years, only Great Britain, USA, France and Australia won the Davis Cup. Hence the National Tennis Championships of these four countries were distinguished as 'Grand Slam' events. The only difference with Great Britain is that the Tournament which is famously referred to as the Wimbledon Championship is not a National Championship but started in 1877 as a Club Championship of the All-England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club's Annual Championship. Because it is the oldest of the four Grand Slam events, it is the most prestigious.



TRUE GRAND SLAM CHAMPIONS: Don Budge and Rod Laver.

The winners of these four Grand Slam events were known as 'Major' title holders. In 1937, an American named Don Budge won the Wimbledon and US National Championship and followed these with victories in Australian and French National Championships in 1938. As a holder of all four Major titles consecutively, he called himself as the Grand Slam Champion but the experts said that he would have to win all four Major titles in the same calendar year. He then went on to win Wimbledon and US National Championships thus became the first Grand Slam Champion.

Subsequently, Australian great Rod Laver won the Grand Slam in 1962 as an amateur and won again in 1969 in the Open era. Thus, he is the only player so far to have won two Grand Slam Championships.

After some years (though I do not know when), tennis writers started crowning a single Major title winner as the Grand Slam Champion! For example, someone like Chuck McKinley who has only one Major title to his credit was also referred to as a Grand Slam Champion. To differentiate players of this category and the real Grand Slam Champions, the experts coined a new title as Calendar Grand Slam. Thus, Budge and Laver are the only two with this title.

In 2015, Novak Djokovic won the Wimbledon and US Open titles and followed these with Australian and French Open in 2016. Thus, he was the holder of all four Major titles continuously. This feat was named as the Individual Grand Slam. Meanwhile, there are eight players who have won all the four Grand Slam events at least once in their life time. Apart from Budge, Laver and Djokovic others who have this distinction are Fred Perry, Roy Emerson, Andre Agassi, Roger Federer and Rafael Nadal. This feat is now referred to as the Career Grand Slam.

There is yet another term called Golden Grand Slam. This is Calendar Grand Slam plus Olympics Gold medal. No man has achieved this feat but among the ladies Steffi Graf has achieved this impossible title. I wonder how many new Grand Slam titles will be invented in the future.

Continuing the history of Grand Slam tennis, there are seven occasions where players have won the first two Major titles but could not win the Wimbledon title thus losing the chance of a Calendar Grand Slam. The players involved are Ken Rosewall (1953), Emerson (1963 & 1967), Mats Wilander (1988), Jim Courier (1992) and lastly Djokovic in 2016 and 2023.

Even more unfortunate are three players who won the first three Major events in the year but failed to win the US Open. They are Jack Crawford in 1933 who lost to Fred Perry in US National. The other two are Lew Hoad in 1956 (lost to Rosewall) and Djokovic in 2021 when he lost to Daniil Medvedev in US Open.

I happen to believe that the Calendar Grand Slam is the only 'Asli' Grand Slam and other categories are 'Naqli' Grand Slams. Now you, as the reader, can decide whether you want to distinguish Budge and Laver as true Grand Slam Champions and rest of the 150 (still counting) Champions as Major title holders or call all the 152 players as Grand Slam Champions. First one in this list is Spencer Gore (Wimbledon 1877) and the last one is Carlos Alcaraz Garfia (Wimbledon 2023).■

2nd Runner-up in VTU State-level Badminton Tournament

The women's Badminton team of GSSS Institute of Engineering and Technology for Women (GSSSIETW), Mysuru, secured second Runner-up position in the Visvesvaraya Technological University (VTU) State-level Women Badminton Tournament 2023-2024 held at BMS College of Engineering (BMSCE) in Bengaluru. The GSSSIETW Badminton players — (kneeling from left) G. Vinutha, K.N. Anusha, Smruthi Desai, Sanjitha Harish and R. Shreya — are seen with Vishwanath, Physical Education (PE) Director, RV College of Engineering (RVCE), Bengaluru, Pratap, PE Director, RNS Institute of Technology (RNSIT), Bengaluru, B.N. Harish Gowda, PE Director, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, Ananta Padmanabha, PE Director, PES College of Engineering (PESCE), Mandya and alumni of GSSSIETW, Mysuru. Various VTU-affiliated Engineering Colleges from across Karnataka including BMSCE, RVCE, RNSIT, PES and other institutions had participated in the Tournament.

New faces likely in Dasara elephant list

Two jumbos from Sakrebail elephant camp in focus; Forest Dept. team visits camp in Shivamogga

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (MTY&BS)- If all goes according to the plans, the team of Dasara elephants troop may have new faces, with at least two elephants from Sakrebyle Elephant Camp in Shivamogga expected to be a part of *Nada Habba* this time. With this, the prayers of mahouts and kavadis of Sakrebyle Camp that was long overdue, is most likely to be heard, with the Forest Department also showing a positive response.

According to the legend associated with Dasara festival, the elephants along with their mahouts and kavadis from the camps in Mysuru, Kodagu and Chamarajanagar districts have been an integral part of the annual fest leaving an indelible mark, equally contributing to the success of the festival.

Every year, the mahouts and kavadis of Sakrebyle Elephant Camp have been submitting memorandums seeking an opportunity to be a part of the famed festival that still attracts global attention. However, it has remained unfulfilled. Amid this, it is being said that, at least two elephants from Sakrebyle may be a part of Dasara this year.

To add credence to this, acting on the instructions of DCF (Wildlife), Mysuru Division, Saurabh Kumar, a team of Forest personnel including RFO Subhash Hugar, Veterinarian Dr. Mujeeb and his Assistant Akram visited Sakrebyle Elephant Camp and inspected the elephants. The elephants inspected were Sagar-38, Bahaddur-37, Netra-25 and Haale-15 and among them Sagar and Netra are expected to find place for this year's Dasara.

On the other hand, Forest Department is searching for the female elephants with calm and gentle behaviour. Apart from the challenges of preparing the elephants that carry Golden Howdah in the future, another challenge is of the kumki elephants, the female elephants that amble along with the howdah carrier on the either side, to keep the male in good mood throughout the *Jumboo Savari*.

Though the need for male elephants can be addressed by taming the male elephants at camps in Thithimathi, Anekadu, Bheemanakatte, Dubare and Rampura, it is not the same in the case of female elephants at those camps. Some of them have calves and some are pregnant. Other elephants are aged 60 years and above and some have been rescued from circus, which do not fit the bill. Hence the focus is on Sakrebyle Elephant Camp.

The elephant named Bhagirati at Sakrebyle Camp which was supposed to be a prominent pick is pregnant. Hence another female elephant named Netra is in focus.

DCF Saurabh Kumar said that "The list of 14 Dasara elephants will be prepared and submitted to Dasara Committee in a week. To select the elephants, Forest Officers team visited elephant camps at Thithimathi, Bheemanakatte, Aane Kadu, Dubare and Rampura. Four elephants at Sakrebyle Elephant Camp in Shivamogga is also inspected."

Hike in rent of MCC assets still on paper

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (SBD&BS)- It has been two months since Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) Council resolved to hike the rent of its commercial properties given on rent, but still the decision remains on papers, with no serious efforts being made in this regard.

During the Council meeting held on June 9, the MCC Corporators to augment the revenue of the Corporation, had pressed for revising the rent that had remained flat without any changes for the last two decades. Following this a proposal was submitted to the Government seeking its consent to effect the revision, but the reply is awaited, according to Mayor Shivakumar. However, some of the Corporators feel that, this being the revenue related matter, further request should have been made to the Government.

The monthly rent of majority of 1,941 shops owned by MCC in 15 various areas, are still in the range of measly Rs. 30 to Rs. 40. Hence to increase the revenue, it was decided in the Council to hike the rent as per the square feet in compliance with the respective areas Sub-registrar (SR) value fixed according to the guidelines of immovable properties by the Department of Stamps and Registration. The new rent should be effective predating from the day it was fixed.

With the hike in rent, it was expected to generate a revenue of Rs. 5 crore against Rs. 1.6 crore being collected presently as per the old slabs of rent. It has been 18 years since the rent was revised in commercial properties owned by MCC like Devaraja Market, Vishveswaraya Bhavan, Dhanvantri Road, Lansdowne Building, Kalidasa Road, Old Bus Stand, Jayalakshmipuram, Metagalli, Bidaram Krishnappa Road, Kumbarakoppal, Mandi Market, Vani Vilas Market, stalls at Srap Yard, spaces let out for Petrol Bunk, Tennis Court, Milk Parlour and Fish Parlour to name a few.

Priority will be given to the revision of rent, with the absence of original tenants and lessees and sub-lease holders in business. Hence, most of the Corporators are of the opinion that the tenants should be evicted and the shops be allotted afresh with revised rent. But the MCC authorities are of the opinion that when notices were issued to vacate the shopkeepers, they moved court. Hence it is better to hike the rent to improve the revenue coffers, besides making bids to vacate those who are not original tenants.

However, President of Devaraja Market Tenants Association Mahadev feigns ignorance over receiving any notice on revising the rent from MCC.

Even if the rent is revised according to SR Value, the rent of the road side shops of the market will be Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 40,000 and for the shops in the interior, the rent will be between Rs. 15,000 and Rs. 20,000. Such an exorbitant rent cannot be afforded by anybody, he added.

It is said that, the rent is not revised from the past two decades, but it is the duty of MCC to do it on time, even if there is a hike, the Officers should look into the types of trade and loss and profits, without hiking the rent according to its whims and fancy. Still, we are not opposed to the hike in rent, but should be done in a fair manner, without burdening the tenants. There are total 822 shops given on monthly rent and 300 for daily rent at Devaraja Market, said Mahadev.

MCC Zone-1 Office shifted to own building near Uttaradi Mutt

Mysuru, Aug. 8 (SBD&BS)- The Zone-1 Office of Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has shifted to its own building on fifth cross, Uttaradi Mutt Road in city, from where the office has started functioning from yesterday.

The Zone-1 Office of MCC was earlier functioning at a park near Akkana Balaga School on fifth cross, Thyagaraja Road in the city. By shifting to the new building, the residents of Ward Nos. 49, 50, 51, 52, 54, 55 and 61 can henceforth visit the Office at the new address, said Corporator B.V. Manjunath.

The new building has zone-level Engineering Section, Revenue, Environment and Health Sections, Birth and Death Registration Section, Revenue and Water Bill counters. The efforts are on to open electricity bill counter too here in the coming days, he added.

The park where the Zone Office was functioning earlier near Akkana Balaga School, will be developed at an estimated cost of Rs. 40 lakh. The tender process is over and the work order is also issued to the Contractor with the works expected to begin shortly, said Corporator Manjunath.

WORD OF THE DAY

Loquacious

Pronunciation: loh-KWAY-shus.
Meaning: Someone described as loquacious might also be called wordy (prone to using more words than considered necessary when talking) or garrulous (tending to talking a lot).
Origin: Loquacious undeniably has a certain poetic ring. It's been a favorite of the writerly sort since it made its first appearance in English in the 17th century and, with poetic license, writers stretched its meaning beyond "talkative," and especially "excessively talkative," to describe such things as the chattering of birds and the babbling of brooks. The ultimate source of all this chattiness is loquī, a Latin verb meaning "to talk, speak." Other words descended from loquī include colloquial, eloquent, soliloquy, and ventriloquism.
Example: "He is the most well-read city commissioner on issues, policies and governance. He is not the most loquacious commissioner, just the most listened to." The Gainesville (Florida) Sun, 24 July 2022.

THE ODD WORD

Langlauf

Cross-country skiing or running.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Let him cook

Meaning: To allow a person to do their thing without interrupting them. Giving someone time to continue a task without interference, in the hopes that they will produce something great or innovative. It implies the person is capable of completing the task in their own unique way, and they should be given sufficient time to do so.
Origin: The term "cooking" and the phrase "Let That Boy Cook" are often associated with Lil B, with the rapper posting an instructional video to YouTube explaining the "rules and regulations of cooking" on July 6, 2010, where he says that "to cook is to take your time and care" and that "Let that boy cook" basically means to let someone do their thing.
Example: My sister had doubts about the competency of the worker we hired. To reassure her, I said, "Let him cook. He has the experience to handle this and has never let me down before."

QUOTE BOX

Amateurs sit and wait for inspiration, the rest of us just get up and go to work. **—Stephen King**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

S S S S
B B B B
A A A A
R R R R
G G G G

Answer: Up for grabs.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:
1 Victory
4 Ski lift (1-3)
8 Price
12 Turk VIP
13 One of the United States
14 _ __ state of affairs: unfortunate circumstances (1,3)
15 So far
16 A young cow
17 Seductress
18 Goods in store
20 Type of beer
22 Prefix for wine
25 Newborn child
28 North American grasshopper
31 Porticoes
33 Cry of delight
34 Apiary insect
36 Literary monogram
37 Lewis Carroll beast - "ranks" anagram?
40 Office head
43 And others, in Latin (2,2)
44 War god
45 Natl. Stock Exchg.
47 Inferior wheat
51 Rum drink
54 Thaw
57 A piece of neckwear
58 Small burrowing animal
59 Letters
60 ___ la la... : song humming?
61 Lincoln's Mary
62 Christmas
63 Himalayan ox

DOWN
1 Paths
2 _ __ it : I follow this? (1,3)
3 Western mil. alliance
4 ___ off : reprimanded?
5 Snake
6 Cobbler's tool
7 Nadal's nickname
8 Formal notice of warning
9 Order of St. Augustine
10 U.S. Govt. Uncle ___
11 Telegu Desam Party, acronym
19 Affectedly devious
21 Pounds abbr
23 Point of a pen
24 Dropsy, excessive accumulation of serous fluid?
26 Star Trek baddies
27 American University or famous lock?
28 Boxing results, abbr.
29 Top-notch (1,3)
30 The thing
32 Former Rus. state
35 Organ of hearing
38 Extended or stretched out
39 1000 litres in short
41 Lie close and comfortable?
42 Small poisonous snake
46 Television award
48 English painter
49 Former Italian coin
50 A very hard wood
51 Winter London time zone
52 Marsupial (colloq).
53 Ancient or aged
55 Seine's contents
56 Girl's name

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	A	E		A	B	B	A			S	P	A
A	M	Y		L	I	A	N	G		P	U	T
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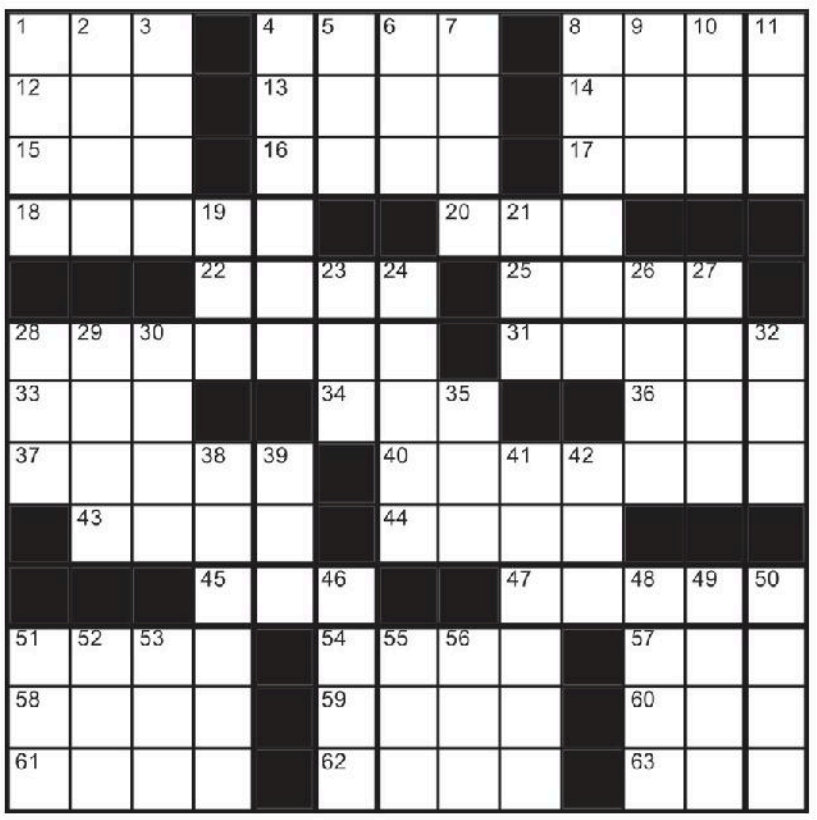

SUDOKU

7						9		3
1	4				9			2
	9	3	1			8		
	3			1				
			2		7			
				5			2	
		1			6	5	4	
6			7				3	1
9		2						6

Answer to previous puzzle

6	9	4	3	7	8	2	5	1
5	8	3	4	2	1	7	9	6
7	1	2	6	5	9	3	8	4
2	5	8	7	6	3	1	4	9
9	3	7	5	1	4	8	6	2
4	6	1	8	9	2	5	3	7
3	4	6	1	8	7	9	2	5
8	7	9	2	4	5	6	1	3
1	2	5	9	3	6	4	7	8

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

PRPKVNWGV ZQFIC QNWJZ ZSP XPQZSPK, NJZ

OWNWGV GWPC QOVZSMOH QNWJZ MZ.

TODAY'S CLUE: Q EQUALS A

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: Anytime you see a turtle up on top of a fence post, you know he had some help.

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	(S-2)	1.05 pm
Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)	(S-1)	1.10 pm
Baby (Te)	(S-1)	3.55 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	(S-2)	10.15 am; (S-4) 1.15 pm
Barbie (E)	(S-2)	4.00 pm
Oppenheimer (E)	(S-2)	6.25 pm
Article 21 (Ma)	(S-2)	10.05 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-3)	10.15 am, 6.50 pm, 10.05 pm
	(S-4)	4.05 pm
Mission Impossible: Dead Reckoning (E)	(S-3)	1.30 pm
Achar & Co (K)	(S-3)	4.40 pm
Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.50 am, 7.20 pm, 9.45 pm

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Ee Pattanakke Yenagide (K)	(S-1)	10.45 am
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	(S-1)	1.15 pm; (S-2) 4.15 pm
	(S-4)	6.30 pm
Sheela (K)	(S-1)	4.15 pm
DD Returns (Ta)	(S-1)	6.30 pm, 9 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-2)	1.15 pm, 7 pm
	(S-3)	10.30 am, 4 pm
	(S-4)	9.15 pm
Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)	(S-3)	1.20 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.15 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am
Namo Bhoothathma - 2 (K)	(S-4)	1.10 pm, 3.50 pm

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Oppenheimer (E)	:	3.35 pm, 9.50 pm
Barbie (E)	:	4.30 pm
Bro (Te)	:	3.55 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagidhare (K)	:	9.55 am, 1.00 pm, 4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Achar and Co (K)	:	7.05 pm
Mission Impossible (E)	:	12.30 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	9.25 am, 12.30, 7.25 pm, 10.30 pm
Kurukkan (Ma)	:	9.30 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	:	11.30 am, 3 pm, 6.30 pm, 10 pm
Trailer Screening	:	3.45 pm

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Rocky Aur Rani Kii prem kahaani (H)	:	9.45 am, 3.20 pm, 10 pm
Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)	:	10.40 am, 4.55 pm, 7.35, 10.15 pm
Trailers Screening Show	:	11.00 am
Oppenheimer (E)	:	11.10 am, 6.00 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	:	12.10 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.50 pm
Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	:	1.15 pm, 4.20 pm, 7.25, 10.30 pm
Baby (2023) (Te)	:	1.20 pm
Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)	:	3.00 pm

EVENTS TODAY (AUGUST 8)

- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Sri Raghavendra Swamy Seva Samiti:** Discourse on 'Bhagavata Saptah' by Pt. Adhyagovindacharya, Sri Raghavendra Swamy Mutt premises, Jayalaksmipuram, **4.45 pm to 5.45 pm.**
- **Srikrishna Trust Chaturmasya Samiti:** Pejawar Adhokshaja Mutt Seer Sri Vishwaprasanna Teertha Swamiji's 36th Chaturmasya Vrata, Bhajans, Bhagavata discourse, Ramayana discourse, Srikrishnadhama, Saraswathipuram, **5 pm to 8 pm.** [Mob: 94482-71837 or 99452-30501]
- **Sri Sosale Vyasaraja Mutt, Krishnamurthypuram:** 'Sampoorna Ramayana Pravachana Yajna' as part of Adhika Masa, discourse on 'Kishkindakanda' by Vid. Madhavacharya, Mutt premises, Krishnamurthypuram, **6 pm to 7 pm.**
- **Sushira, Sri V. Deshikachar's Academy of Music, Mysuru:** 21st Annual Music Festival, Flute recital by **Vid. Rajkamal** accompanied by Vid. Matthur Srinidhi on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. Tumkur B. Shashishankar on ghata, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, Sri Vasudevacharya Bhavana, JLB Road, **6.15 pm.**

EVENTS TOMORROW (AUGUST 9)

- **Sri Subramanyaswamy Temple, Vishweshwaranagar:** Aadi Kritika Puja Mahotsava, Sankalpa, Panchamruta Abhisheka, special decoration, mahamangalarathi, prasada viniyoga, **4.30 am;** Prakatotsava, Temple premises, Vishweshwaranagar, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sahara Art and Crafts:** Shopping Festival — Handicraft and Handloom expo-cum-sale — Scouts and Guides Grounds, behind DC's Office, **10.30 am to 9.30 pm.**
- **Puppet House, Dharwad and Sanchalana Mysuru:** 'Adbhuta Ramayana' Puppet Show, Kannada & Culture Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjuaswamy inaugurates, Rangayana Mysuru Deputy Director Nirmala Mathapati, Dhvanyaloka Director Jayashri Sanjay, Theatre Director from Dharwad Rajani Garuda and Sanchalana Mysuru President and Theatre Director Deepak Mysore will be present, Dhvanyaloka, Bogadi Road, **11 am.**
- **Department of Library and Information Science and the Sarada Ranganathan Endowment for Library Science:** 'Librarians Day' celebration, lecture on 'reflections on reordering Ranganathan' by Dr. N.G. Satish, former Professor, Institute of Public Enterprise, Hyderabad; Prof. M.S. Sapna, Chairperson, Department of Mass Communication and Journalism, guest of honour, V.R. Shylaja, Registrar, University of Mysore, presides, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Mysore, **11 am.**
- **Children's Literary Club, Mysuru:** Concluding Day of 12-day Workshop, Phase-I, relating to Strengthening English Language Skills and General Knowledge of Kannada Medium School Students, conducted by Dr. R. Purnima, formerly Professor of English, KSOU and presently, Director, Children's Literary Club, Mysuru, Government School for the Differently Abled Boys, Lashkar Mohalla, **12.15 pm.** [Mob: 96323-15924]
- **Rangavalli, Mysuru:** Five-day 'Rangavalli Ranga Sambhrama,' **'Daali' Dhananjaya,** sandalwood actor, inaugurates, Dr. Purushotham Bilimale, a retired Professor from Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi, presides, V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy, Joint Director, Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru, Nirmala Mathapati, Deputy Director, Rangayana and M.D. Sudarshan, Assistant Director of Kannada & Culture Department, Mysuru, chief guests, H.R. Raviprasad, Founder-Member and Convenor, Rangavalli, will be present, **4 pm;** Sugama Sangeetha by **Vidu. Vasavi and Vidu. Harinakshi,** Kiru Rangamandira, Kalamandira premises, **4.30 pm.**
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Oppenheimer (E)	(S-4)	3.55 pm; (S-3) 10.10 pm
Barbie (E)	(S-2)	5.20 pm
Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)	(S-4)	10.35 am, 1.15 pm
		7.50 pm, 10.30 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-2)	1.50 pm, 10.20 pm
Bro (Te)	(S-3)	4.30 pm
DD Returns (Ta)	(S-3)	1.05 pm
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Baby (Te)	(S-2)	10.15 am
Aachar & Co (K)	(S-2)	7.55 pm

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Hostel Hudugaru Bekagiddare (K)	(S-1)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm
		7.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Namo Bhoothathma 2 (K)	(S-4)	10 am, 7.10 pm
Kousalya Supraja Rama (K)	(S-3)	1.25 pm; (S-4) 10.10 pm
Rocky Aur Rani Kii Prem Kahaani (H)	(S-2)	6.55 pm
	(S-3)	9.55 am
Trailers Screening Show	(S-4)	1.00 pm
Ee Pattanakke Yenagide (K)	(S-4)	1.40 pm
Meg 2: The Trench (E-3D)	(S-3)	4.30 pm, 10.00 pm
	(S-2)	9.45 am, 12.25 pm
Sheela (K)	(S-4)	4.35 pm
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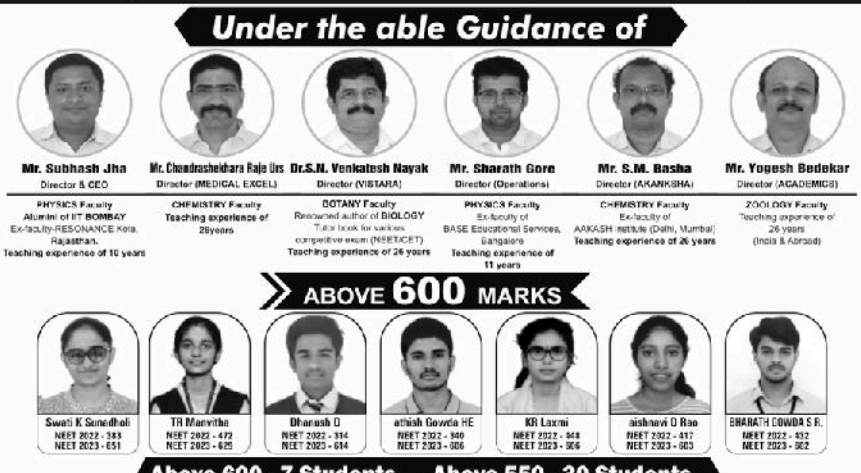

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